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DEPLETION OF BAMBOO FORESTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 25% of the bamboo forests have depleted in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka State Forest Department has asked the Centre for Rs.130 crores under the Bamboo Mission for the regeneration of bamboo;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered the request of the Karnataka Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Union Government is likely to provide assistance to the State of Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No scientific information is available on the status of bamboo forests in Karnataka. However, the gregarious flowering of bamboo which is occurring in some parts of the State (once in 30-40 years) results in death of all bamboo culms after profuse seeding.

(b)to(d): Yes, Sir. The forest Department of Karnataka has submitted a project proposal for Rs.132.33 crore for a period of XIth Five Year Plan under National Bamboo Mission, out of which Rs.19.81 crore was proposed for 2007-08. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation in its meeting held in October, 2007, considered the current proposal and approved an amount of Rs.9.00 crore, out of which Rs.2.12 crore has been released to the State for implementation of the mission.